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Economic Affairs Interim Committee Agenda

January 15, 2020

Room 137 of the State Capitol

- 1:15 p.m. Call to Order - Roll Call - Notifications and Public Comment Guidelines
-- Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy, Presiding Officer
- 1:20 p.m. **A. Member Issues - Broadband**
1. Overview of Broadband Science
 - a) Mark Walker, Director of Technology Policy, CableLabs (*by phone*)
 - c) Questions by the Committee
 - 1:40 p.m. 2. Overview of Other States' Actions on Broadband
 - a) Heather Morton, National Conference of State Legislatures
 - b) Questions by the Committee
 - 2:00 p.m. 3. a) Status Presentations by Montana Providers: 5-10 minutes each to discuss:
 - 1) types of service, 2) how they decide where to deploy service/establish networks, 3) what factors they use in determining whether or how to serve underserved areas, 4) what speeds they offer, 5) how they fund deployment (besides customer payments), and 6) what incentives would work best for them. [Handout](#) for Triangle Communications
 - I) CenturyLink, Phil Grate, Government Affairs Director
 - II) Spectrum/Charter, Mary Roehr (proposed)
 - III) T-Mobile - Brian Tucci
 - IV) Blackfoot Communications, Jason Williams, Chief Executive Officer
 - V) 3Rivers Communications, Dave Gibson, Chief Executive Officer
 - VI) Treasure State Internet & Telegraph, Kevin Hamm
 - b) Committee Questions
 - c) Public Comment
 - 3:30 p.m. 4. Discussion of Fiscal Impacts and Economic Development Impacts of [SB239](#) (2019)
 - a) Department of Revenue to discuss SB239 [fiscal note](#)
 - b) Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties, on tax, economic development implications
 - c) Committee Questions
 - d) Public Comment

4:10 p.m.

B. Assigned Duties - Rule Review and Rule Updates

1. a) [Update](#) on New Rule II for the Board of Dentistry (regarding denturists) and Proposed Alcohol Penalty Rule -- Jameson Walker, EAIC staff attorney
b) Public Comment on New Rule II
c) Public Comment on Proposed Alcohol Penalty Rule
d) Committee Discussion and Possible Committee Action on New Rule II and Alcohol Proposed Rule (action to either continue objection or remove objection)
2. a) Overall Rule Review -- Jameson Walker, staff attorney
b) Committee Questions
c) Public Comment
d) Possible Committee Action on [Proposed Rules](#)

4:45 p.m.

C. Assigned Duties - Monitoring Agencies

1. Agency Activity [Handout](#) - Pat Murdo
2. Briefing Papers on Selected Advisory Councils -- Pat Murdo
3. Committee Questions and Possible Committee Action

4:55 p.m.

D. Other Duties

1. Public comment on any item not on the agenda but within the EAIC purview
2. Directions to staff, adjourn

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